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Grants Alert – October 2006

National Endowment for the Humanities: Announces the availability of funding under the Implementation Grants for Special Projects. The Special Project grants support a variety of public humanities program formats, including public discussion forums, hands-on learning experiences, discussion series based on reading or film-viewing, multi-faceted conferences, or symposia. Small exhibitions or interpretive publications might serve as common texts for such programs. Living history or historical impersonations might also be appropriate if they are deeply grounded in scholarship. **ELIGIBILITY:** Any U.S. nonprofit organization with 501(c)3 tax exempt status is eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies. Individuals are not eligible to apply. **DEADLINE:** Jan. 23, 2007. **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Visit <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/implement-special.html>. If you have questions about the program, **CONTACT:** Implementation Grants for Special Projects Division of Public Programs, National Endowment for the Humanities, Room 426, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20506, (202) 606-8269.

Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education: Announces the availability of funding under the Upward Bound Program (Includes Regular Upward Bound (UB), Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) and Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS)). The Upward Bound program is one of seven programs known as the Federal TRIO programs. The regular Upward Bound projects are designed to generate in participants the skills and motivation necessary for success in education beyond secondary school. The Veterans Upward Bound projects are designed to assist veterans in preparing for a program of postsecondary education. The Upward Bound Math and Science projects are designed to prepare high school students for postsecondary education programs that lead to careers in the fields of math and science. **ELIGIBILITY:** Institutions of higher education; public or private agencies and organizations; combinations of institutions, agencies, and organizations; and secondary schools under exceptional circumstances, if there is no institution, agency, or organization capable of carrying out an applicable Upward Bound project in the proposed target area. **DEADLINE:** November 6, 2006. If you have any questions about the program, **CONTACT:** Gaby Watts, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW, Suite 7000, Washington, DC 20006-8510, (202) 502-7600, TRIO@ed.gov.

Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources & Services Administration: Announces the availability of funds under the Nursing Workforce Diversity Program. Grants are awarded to increase nursing education opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds (including racial and ethnic minorities, who are underrepresented among registered nurses) by providing student scholarships or stipends, pre-entry preparation, and retention activities. **ELIGIBILITY:** Schools of nursing, nursing centers, academic health centers, state or

local governments, an Indian tribe or Tribal organization, other public or private for-profit and non-profit entities, including faith-based organizations and community-based organizations capable of carrying out the legislative purpose. **DEADLINE:** Nov. 30, 2006. **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Visit www.HRSA.gov.

New York State Department of Health - Minority Health Mini-Grant Program: The Department of Health invites applications from not-for-profit community-based organizations to implement small-scale, short-term, well-defined projects designed to achieve targeted reductions in risks associated with asthma, diabetes, or heart disease and stroke in racial and ethnic minority communities. The goal of the program is to support well-developed community health promotion and disease risk reduction projects that recognize communities as assets; actively engage members of racial and/or ethnic groups targeted; and integrate principles of culturally and linguistically appropriate services. **ELIGIBILITY:** Community-based not-for-profit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)3 of the IRS Code and that have a track record of providing services to racial and ethnic minorities in New York State. **FUNDING:** It is anticipated that eight mini-grants of \$10,000 each will be awarded. **DEADLINE:** 5:00 p.m. on November 6, 2006. **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Visit www.health.state.ny.us. Inquiries must be submitted, in writing, by October 18, 2006. Responses will be mailed on October 25, 2006 to all those who submitted inquires and to any organization that mails a request to Kristen M. Van Amburgh, Coordinator, Mini-Grant Program, NYS Department of Health, Office of Minority Health, Corning Tower, Room 780, Albany, New York 12237-0092.

New York State Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Fairgrounds Infrastructure Improvement Program: Applications are being accepted by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for financial assistance to support the costs of construction, renovation, alteration, rehabilitation, improvement or repair of fairground buildings or facilities used to house and promote agriculture. **ELIGIBILITY:** Agricultural or horticultural corporations and county extension service associations that are eligible to receive premium reimbursements pursuant to section 286 of the Agriculture and Markets Law. **FUNDING:** \$3 million is available for this program. Each eligible applicant shall receive \$30,000 plus a portion of the remaining amount available, based upon the average five-year total attendance of each such event from 2001 through 2005. In situations where two or more eligible applicants cooperate to sponsor one fair or exposition, those organizations shall be considered one applicant for purposes of receiving funds under this program. **DEADLINE:** Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on March 30, 2007. **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Visit the Funding Opportunities section of the Department's web site at www.agmkt.state.ny.us. All questions must be submitted in writing (fax and e-mail will be accepted) by March 15, 2007 to Karen Dybas at New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, 10B Airline Drive, Albany New York 12235 or karen.dybas@agmkt.state.ny.us.

New York State Education Department - Public Library Construction Grant Program: This program will provide \$14 million in capital funds to New York State libraries to meet pressing needs for construction, renovation, and rehabilitation, particularly those projects that will improve library access for New Yorkers with disabilities. **ELIGIBILITY:** Public libraries in New York State. Local libraries must submit all application materials to their library system, which will set the deadline for receipt. Libraries with multiple buildings may submit more than one application, but only one application per building. **FUNDING:** Libraries could be eligible

for funding for up to 50% of a project; the minimum grant award is \$2,500, meaning no award will be made for any project with a total cost of less than \$5,000. There is no maximum award, but the amounts of the awards will depend on the number of project applications received and the total funding available to the library system. Information on the allocation of funds throughout the state can be found at the web site mentioned below. Libraries may use local, state, or federal public funds, private funds, or a combination of funds from those sources for the required match. **DEADLINE:** 5:00 p.m., December 29, 2006. However, the State Library encourages libraries to submit project applications to their public library system as soon as possible to allow sufficient time for system review and system board approval. Please contact your local public library system to find out their due date. **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Visit www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/construc/grants.htm for the grant application and instructions as well as information on the allocation of funds throughout the state.

Foundations and Organizations

The New York Landmarks Conservancy - Sacred Sites Program for Preservation of Historic Religious Buildings: The Sacred Sites Program is comprised of the Sacred Sites Fund, which provides congregations with grants for exterior restoration projects; Consulting Grants, which are for congregations to retain professional services for the preservation of historic houses of worship; and Robert W. Wilson Sacred Sites Challenge Grants, which are matching grants for large-scale church restoration projects. **ELIGIBILITY:** Eligible properties include, but are not limited, to churches, synagogues, meetinghouses, mosques, and temples. To be eligible for a grant, properties must be located in New York State; owned by a religious institution and actively used for worship; and listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places or designated pursuant to a local landmarks ordinance by New York State. There is an additional Consulting Grant Program that is for congregations in New York City only.

FUNDING: The maximum grant amount for the Sacred Sites Fund is \$10,000, and no grant shall exceed half the project cost. The maximum Consulting Grant is \$7,500 and no grant shall exceed half the project cost. Robert W. Wilson Sacred Sites Challenge Grants are matching grants of \$25,000 to \$50,000. **DEADLINE:** Sacred Sites Fund grants and Upstate Consulting grants have two annual deadlines, November 1 and May 1; the New York City Consulting Grants applications are considered as they are submitted; May 1 is the yearly deadline for the Robert W. Wilson Sacred Sites Challenge. **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Visit www.nylandmarks.org. The first step in applying for a grant is to discuss the project with a representative of the Sacred Sites Program by calling (212) 995-5260 or by e-mailing Elizabeth McTigue at emctigue@nylandmarks.org.

Farmer Grant Program - Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE): The goal of this program is to develop, refine, and demonstrate new sustainable techniques and to explore innovative ideas developed by farmers across the SARE region, which includes New York State. Sustainable practices are defined as those that are profitable, environmentally sound, and beneficial to the community. **ELIGIBILITY:** Farmers in the SARE region. Applicants need not be farming full time, but the operation should have an established crop or animal product that is sold on a regular basis. Nonprofit farms may apply, but the primary activity of the farm must be to produce and sell food under the kinds of economic constraints that affect commercial growers. Many community-supported farms qualify, but farms

where the primary mission is educational normally do not. **FUNDING:** Grants average about \$5,200 with a cap of \$10,000 on any single grant. **DEADLINE:** Proposals must be postmarked by December 22, 2006. **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Visit www.uvm.edu/~nesare/grants.html, call (802) 656-0471, or e-mail nesare@uvm.edu for program information.

Lowe's - Toolbox for Education Grant Program: Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation has established the Lowe's Toolbox for Education Foundation to empower parents and further encourage their involvement in their children's schools. **ELIGIBILITY:** Any nonprofit K-12 school (including charter, parochial, private, etc.) or parent group (associated with a nonprofit K-12 school) that has a group tax ID number and official 501(c)3 status from the IRS. Parent groups that do not have 501(c)3 status should apply through their school. Projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit will be favored. **FUNDING:** Up to \$5,000 per school is available. **DEADLINE:** October 15, 2006 and February 15, 2007. The program will only be accepting 1,500 applications per grant period. Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications early to be sure they are considered to receive a grant. **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Visit www.toolboxforeducation.com for complete program information and application procedures.

Northeast SARE Program - Sustainable Community Grants: The Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program will be offering Sustainable Community Grants. The purpose of this grant effort is to reconnect rural revitalization and farming. Projects can address issues such as land use, nutrition, employment, markets, education, farm labor, public policy, and environmental policy. **ELIGIBILITY:** Community nonprofits, cooperative extensions, local governments, educational institutions, planning boards, farming cooperatives, and incorporated citizens' groups. **FUNDING:** Awards are capped at \$10,000. **DEADLINE:** November 28, 2006. **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Visit the Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program's website, www.uvm.edu/~nesare/grants_scomm.htm. If you would like to have a printed copy of the call for proposals mailed to you, call the Northeast SARE office at (802) 656-0471 or send an e-mail to nesare@uvm.edu.

Northeast SARE Program - Sustainable Community Grant Appalachian Initiative: The Sustainable Community Grant Appalachian Initiative will provide grants to support sustainable agriculture either by adding value to farm products or by exploring alternative renewable energy. Projects should be technically sound, entrepreneurial, appropriate to the county or community, and draw on local farm resources. Projects should also have the potential to create new jobs, income streams, and markets in the agricultural sector. **ELIGIBILITY:** Applicants must live in Allegany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Otsego, Schoharie, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, or Tompkins counties. **FUNDING:** Grants are capped at \$35,000. **DEADLINE:** November 28, 2006. **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Visit www.uvm.edu/~nesare/grants_scomm.htm. If you would like to have a printed copy of the call for proposals mailed to you, call the Northeast SARE office at (802) 656-0471 or send an e-mail to nesare@uvm.edu.

Captain Planet Foundation - Hands-On Environmental Projects: The Captain Planet Foundation makes small grants for worthy hands-on environmental projects that help kids learn about the importance of the environment in their own communities and worldwide. It is hoped that while participating in projects individually and as part of a team, youths will gain a better appreciation of the world they live in. **ELIGIBILITY:** Applicants must be 501(c)3 organizations and must 1) promote understanding of environmental issues, 2) focus on hands-on involvement, 3) involve children ages 6-18, 4) promote interaction and cooperation within the group, 5) help young people develop planning and problem-solving skills, 6) include adult supervision, and 7) commit to follow-up communication with the Foundation.

FUNDING: The Foundation awards as many grants, ranging between \$250 and \$2,500, as it can throughout its fiscal year. **DEADLINE:** The remaining deadlines for 2006 are September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2006. **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Visit www.captainplanetfdn.org/grants.html.